

RRVA News

Red River Valley Square and Round Dance Association

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November - December

Happy
Thanksgiving

Merry Christmas



Special Dance Schedule

Square Dance Land

812 Travis, Wichita Falls, TX

| DATE | CLUB | PLACE | CALLER |
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| Nov 30 | RRVA Tailgate Dance | SDL 7:30- 9:30 | Mike Bramlett |
| Dec 31 | RRVA New Year's Eve Dance | SDL | Dave Vieira |
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From the Desk of the Presidents

President's Notes NOV/DEC 2019

HAPPY FALL --- Square Dancers!!

I hope lots of you “pulled the treat straw” and were able to come to the RRVA HALLOWEEN DANCE and enjoyed dancing to Dan Nordby.

Congratulations to the Swinging Stars Club-celebrating 57 years of dancing, fun, and fellowship on October 26, 2019.

Hopefully many square dancers came & celebrated with them. May you have many more years together.

Thanksgiving—Turkey & Dressing ETC Family Gatherings; Friends Get-Togethers!!

We have so much to be thankful for in our lives! Time to do thoughtful little kindnesses for others. Give thanks & change your life!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS – Square Dancers!!

Celebrate the birthday of Our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. Be kind to everyone.

Visit &/or give a gift to those less fortunate &/or without family. Volunteer where needed.

Integrity Joyful Kindness Loyalty

Blessings from Winnie Kajs

Levis & Lace

Well folks, this one will be short as typing with my right arm in a sling is tedious to say the least.

However, we don't want to miss this opportunity to welcome new members, KEVIN and JANIE CONNORS! So happy to have you!! Nor do we want to miss letting you know that our last two plus lessons will be November 7 and 14 since October 31 is the annual RRVA Halloween dance. Even if you're not a costume person, do come and enjoy the excellent calling of Dan Nordby from California on October 31.

And our last two workshop/lessons are still open to you even if you haven't been to the first 8, so do come and brush up on your plus moves – November 7 and 14.

Levis and Lace members traveling in September and October were the Clearys to Indianapolis to visit Tom's sisters; the Bees to Hawaii to celebrate Audrey's birthday; the Epleys to Big Bend for Jerry; and the Whatleys to Pennsylvania for an Israeli conference. Members, do let me know of your travels if I'm missing yours.

Our condolences go out to Naomi Caballero and Barbara Standley on the passing of family members.

Levis and Lace dance on November 1 and December 6 with our outstanding caller, Jim Howard and his bride, DeDe. We hope you'll join us!

Sandra and Jerry

Al Bowles-birthday - birth - 12-21

Jim Howard - 12-7 birth

Vallee and Carolyn Graves - anniv - 11-26

Jim and DeDe Howard - anniv - 11-23

Bob and Brenda Hardy - anniv - 12-21

Kevin and Janie Connors - anniv - 11-17

Robert Walker - birth - 12-25

Also, if it's not too late - GET WELL WISHES TO AL BOWLES



SWINGING STARS

Summer days are gone and we can kiss half of fall good-bye. Time is flying and it will soon be Thanksgiving, Christmas, and then the New Year. Many have been busy with vacations and company. But most of all, we have been busy dancing and enjoying each other's company.

However, fun is not all that has been on our schedule this fall. Work has been necessary, so we can afford to have the fun we have. Many dancers have worked at Market Street for two days, United on Jacksboro Hwy. for one day, and a booth at the Texoma Fair for five days. We sold our merchant cards and took names for potential students. Also, our members will be selling them at the Holiday Hangar and United Supermarket again in November. We have some fantastic merchants who are supporting us this year by giving some really great discounts when you use the card. The card is good through August 31, 2020 and cost only \$10.00. You will receive the discount every time you show the card. It is getting popular. We now have people who bought one in the past and are calling us for this year's card. If you have not bought one, we hope you will see a Swinging Star member for one. Each one can be given as a Christmas gift that keeps on giving. If you are interested, see a club member. We are selling them at this time in Christmas stockings if you want one in a stocking.

Lessons have started and the students are doing real well. Scott Bennet, our club callers, is giving them. They will graduate the middle of December, and henceforth, will be Square Dancers with all the friendship and fun that goes with it.

October 26th was our 57th Anniversary dance. We thank everyone who attended. We had several local and out of town guests. Scott called a fun energetic dance. Also, we displayed the history of our club. By doing so, our new dancers learned about our past traditions, and what it means to be a Swinging Star's member.

Due to the Holidays, we will not be dancing the 4th Saturday in November and December. Holidays are wonderful, but two of them take away from our dance nights. However, we will be dancing with our club caller, Scott Bennett, on the 2nd Saturday in November and December. We hope to see you there.

It is with sadness that I am reporting that in October, Bill and Sharon Wiltse's daughter-n-law passed away. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

May the remainder of the year see you healthy and wise.

We look forward to dancing with you in a square with a



on all our faces.

Your Swinging Stars Reporters,

Chesta & Jim Owens



November & December Birthdays

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|-----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Sue Bartlett | November 1 | Ruby Biggs | December 20 |
| Cindy Lovato | November 3 | Mary Carson | December 20 |
| Robert Fenoglio | November 13 | Jodi Moore | December 22 |
| Angel Bishop | November 23 | Robert Walker | December 25 |
| R. D. Cox | November 29 | | |



November & December Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Kevin & Janie Connors | November 17 |
| Stephen & Rosa San Miguel | November 27 |
| Paul & Karen Thorogood | November 30 |
| Terry & Sheree Rider | December 5 |
| Bob & Brenda Hardy | December 1 |

Wichita Falls Solos

It is hard to believe this year is almost over. Thank you to all who have supported the Solos this year by coming to our dances and workshops. We really appreciate you.

We had a great time at the Solos annual Fish Fry. Thanks to Dee Roy for supplying the fish and cooking it. Thanks to Sondra and Eddie for hosting it. We had lots of good food and fun playing games. We are sorry some missed it because the reminder Al sent out went to some peoples spam email. Please check your spam folder every once in a while to see if that is happening to you.

The Solos Christmas party is on December 1 at 3 pm at Eddie and Sondra's home. If you want to exchange gifts bring a man's gift if you are a man and women bring a gift for a woman. We increased the amount we can spend to \$15 this year. No gag gifts please. We will also collect nonperishable food items for Interfaith Ministries. We will play games first and open gifts around 6 pm. Bring finger foods or desserts to share.

We want to thank all of the angels that come out and help with lessons. We could not do it without your help. EVERYONE is invited to our Graduation Dance at 7 pm on December 17th

We will have a bake sale at our November dance. Come and get goodies for Thanksgiving and Christmas..

The next Solos dances are November 16 and December 21 at 7:30 pm. If you come to our dances we will have another drawing after split the pot for a free ticket to our dance. We hope to see you there.

Please attend the New Year's Eve Dance on December 31 at 9 pm, Help support RRVA and enjoy being with friends and eating black-eyed peas and cornbread after midnight.

We will have a Potluck supper and Workshop on November 4th and December 3 at 7 pm. Dee Roy will workshop between lessons.

RRVA Fund Raiser

Bring your aluminum cans to the Hall during November and they will be sold and the funds donated to the Soft Drink and Bottle Water fund.

Get well wishes for Al Bowles. Others are having health issues and problems that keep them from dancing at times.

Our sympathy goes out to Peyton Ramey and family on the death of his wife Jeanette Ramey former members of Levis & Lace.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, & Happy New Year to you all from the Solos.

Barbara Standley

November Birthdays

Robert Fenoglio 13

Linda Salmom 13

Barbara Martini 18

Dena Hutchens 20

Dee Roy 30

November Anniversary

Vallee & Carolyn Graves 26

December Birthdays

Al Bowles 21

Something new at the Solo's Dances

Don't throw your tickets away after the Split-the-Pot drawing!

A second ticket will be drawn for free admittance into our next Dance.

We love having you come and dance with us, so we are paying someone's way each month into the dance!

Come and see us!!



Wichita Falls

Solos

November 16 Dance

Bake Sale

*Come get the goodies you need for the
Holidays.*



Cakes, pies, cookies and candies.

Wranglers

Hellooooo Square Dancers,

I know you have heard of *The Virginia Reel*, but have you heard of *The Heel Toe Polka* or *Oh, Johnny, Oh?* If you have then you know what The Wichita Wranglers have been doing these past two months. That's Right! We have been putting together a Barn Dance where Anyone, and I mean Anyone, can dance! Here's how it happened. Sandra Whatley bumped into the owners of The French Country Meadow & Event Venue. Sandra and the owners got to talking and, Yee Haw! an idea was born. President Tommy Jo put a committee together. We visited the venue, talked with our caller, Jeff, and even piled into a 15- passenger van to visit The Spirit of 76ers' Barn Dance in Yukon, Oklahoma! Whew, that was a hot dance, and I mean no air conditioning on a sand floor! Who would have thought that at the end of September there would be a Heat Wave in Oklahoma! When we got home, the Wranglers knew exactly what we wanted to do for our barn dance, so we rolled up our sleeves and got to work promoting square dancing to the public. On Friday, October 25, Jeff Holley called an Ol' Fashioned Barn Dance. We had a whole square of Swinging Stars (Thank You!) several Solos and some Good Friends from Oklahoma. Best of all, we had approximately 20 visitors swinging, stepping, and Line Dancing! We even had a wedding cake to celebrate Jeff & Niecy's 20th Anniversary. Such a Fun Night!

A Note to Remember: Because of the holidays, The Wranglers move their November and December dances to the 2nd Friday of the month.

As you go to bed tonight and rise up in the morning, please say a prayer for these people: Sandra Whatley who has a broken shoulder, Tommy Jo who is recovering from eyelid surgery, Robert Steflik who is recovering from back surgery, Susan Trotter who will have cornea transplant surgery and Walt Clements who is recovering from a Pace Maker implant.

Happy Birthday

Judy Appleby

Will Bogart

Doug Burton

Linda Salmon

Happy Anniversary

Dennis & Judy Appleby

Bob & Brenda Hardy

Doug & Linda Burton